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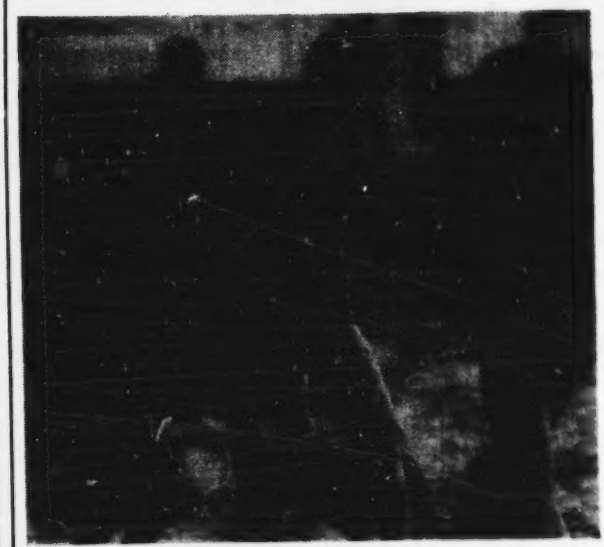

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TOWN OF HIGH RIVER

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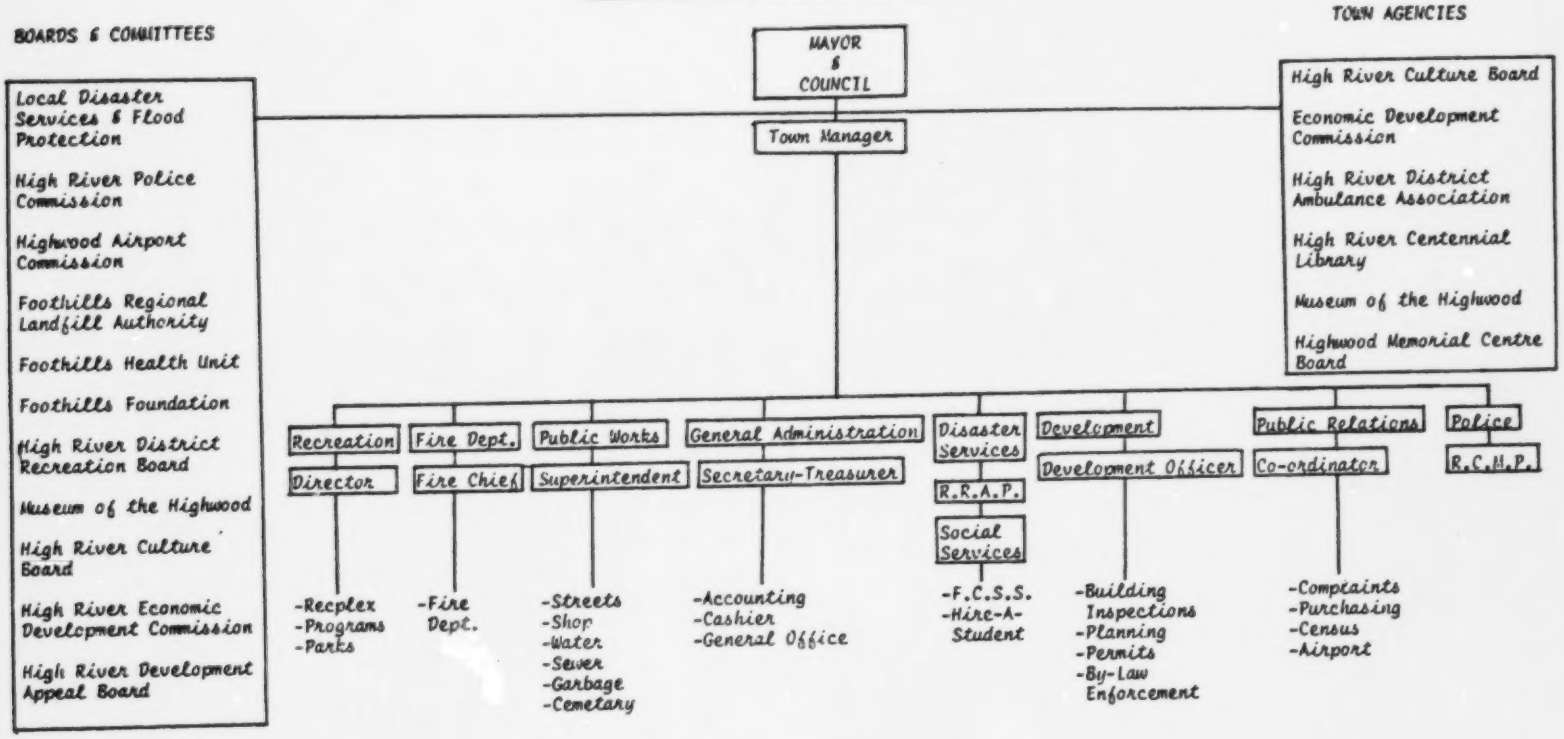


TOWN OF HIGH RIVER

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

"HOME OF THE MEDICINE TREE"

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Dear Citizens:

1984, as did other years, brought many problems to Council. Because of still depressed economic conditions there were no easy solutions and many citizens were no doubt left disappointed and frustrated.

Of particular importance were the proposed Race Track and the re-development of the Little Bow and Wallaceville Areas.

Long hours of serious consideration and much investigation went into the Race Track question. Inevitably, as is always the case in any situation affecting different segments of the community in conflicting ways, hard feelings developed and tensions arose. However, we still live in a democratic country and Council, chosen by the citizens, made it's decision in a manner deemed, in the long run, to be in the best interests of the entire community. Plans had to be formulated for the Little Bow and Wallaceville areas as better times must eventually return and future development will be essential. A big plus for Council was the unexpectedly large involvement of citizens in many phases of these plans. Residents of the town have been notably apathetic where changes have been contemplated and it was truly encouraging to have people come and make suggestions, outline their plans, approve or criticize - this is what makes a town healthy.

1984 has gone and in 1985 many important and necessary things remain to be done. It is obvious that again this year not all can even be tackled. We hope Council will have your understanding and continued co-operation as like all municipalities, we strive to establish priorities. Suggestions are always welcome - our aim, with your help, is to make High River the place you will want to keep on calling "HOME".

Sincerely,

Linda C Dougherty

"THE TOWN WITH A PAST AND A FUTURE"

AN EARLY HISTORY OF HIGH RIVER

High River owes its setting to the convenient crossing of the Macleod Trail over the Highwood River. It has developed because of its junction between ranching to the west and grain farming to the east, plus its attractive scenic view of foothills, mountains and prairie.

The river ford, or The Crossing, was augmented by a second ford five miles west where early explorers such as Samule Hearne, Peter Fiddler, Bell, Palliser and Laurie were known to have camped. The upper ford was the site of the popular camp ground where the Medicine Tree grew -- a natural phenomena and Indian shrine. The entire area between the two fords was at one time a popular Blackfoot seasonal camp ground and the name High River is from their word Spitzi, tall trees along water.

Traders such as Emerson and "Buck" Smith settled in High River as early as 1868 and by the year 1884 a number of families had situated themselves along the Highwood and surrounding district.

The first school, petitioned for by these families, opened in 1889 resulting in the formation of the School Board District #144 (amalgamation with the Foothills School Division occurred in 1970).

Early "stopping houses" were run by Smith, French and Buck Smith in 1884, followed by the High River Hotel in 1892. The St. George Hotel (Royal) was built around the turn of the century and in 1906 the Oxford (now the Gateway) was built. Of the many early boarding houses, the "Ritz Carlton"(125 - 2nd Ave. East) is still standing.

Early mail came by stage coach, until late 1883 arriving via Fort Benton, Montana. The first postmaster, R. H. Bunce, was replaced by William E. G. Holmes when he opened the Gibbs and Holmes store in 1886. The post office was built in 1931 (presently the Town Office) and replaced in 1972 by the present post office.

Buck Smith's ferry was built and operated in 1886 across the Highwood until the arrival of the railway in 1892. Originally the C and E, it was taken over by CPR in 1897 with R. H. Robertson the only agent between Calgary and Fort Macleod. Robertson, who planted the tree still standing on the 7 Eleven site, resigned in 1904 and built the house at the east side of town, now known as "the tower house".

Church Services, social events, and dances were held in Buck Smith's stopping house, however, other services were conducted in the Quirk home as early as 1882. The first church was built in 1891 by the Presbyterians. By 1906 ten Churches were open. Culturally,the Opera House opened upstairs in the first Town Hall of 1907, whilst the Agricultural Society, Rotary International and the High River Men's Club strenghtened the social life.

The Village of High River was formed in 1902 due to the rapid influx of settlers, and was formally incorporated as a Town in 1906. Mayor Dan Riley (later Senator) and Councillors Lem Sexsmith, Norman Young, Perty Taylor, A.W.H. Thompson, J.W. Sutherland and Dr. G.D. Stanley promptly introduced regulations regarding public works, finances, licensing, assessments and public health.

High River became the purchasing point for ranchers and new homesteaders, but it took the influx of people and money resulting from World War II to make the Town debt free. Today we enjoy excellent facilities and economic growth, but not debt free, alas.

Street building, sidewalk construction, operation of its own electric light plant fueled by coal from the coal mines west of High River and an unsuccessful, ongoing attempt to find its own source of natural gas were early ventures. The first electric power had been generated in the Lane and Emerson Block and distributed to a few subscribers. The Town Plant was in operation by 1907, the sewer and water installations by 1912 and in 1926 an agreement was signed with Calgary Power as supplier. While a natural gas line ran through the Town since 1912, no agreement was made with the gas company until 1927. A hose drawn fire pump staffed by volunteers protected the fledgling town.

First telephone communication was privately owned, with Dr. D. G. Stanley connecting home and drug store by phone. Bell Telephone negotiated and took over the service which resulted in the first long distance conversation between Mayor Riley and Mayor Emmerson of Calgary in 1906. AGT took over in 1910.

Public health was a major problem for the first and subsequent councils. The influenza epidemic of 1918 emphasized the need and the Municipal Hospital was opened in 1921.

Sports has always been important in High River. Its polo teams of earlier days won national and international renown, and its early lacrosse championships attracted many residents. Hockey, baseball, and more latterly swimming have had high calibre records.

Edited from notes by Lillian Knupp, High River, Alberta.

COUNCIL:

Mayor Lucille C. Dougherty	(Phone Number: 652-2191)
Councillor Frank Dyck	(Phone Number: 652-7675)
Councillor Colin Laing	(Phone Number: 652-2569)
Councillor Winn Richards	(Phone Number: 652-4464)
Councillor Ken Summers	(Phone Number: 652-7613)
Councillor Glenn Tanner	(Phone Number: 652-2856)

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Elected at large as representatives of the citizens, Council set the policies, goals and direction of High River.

Council Meetings are every Second and Fourth Mondays of th month, at 6:00 p.m. and open to the public.
Elected for a three year term, the next election is October 1986.

Councillors sit on the following permanent Committees and Boards:

Calgary Regional Planning Commission
Disaster Services Association
Economic Development Commission
Foothills Regional Landfill Authority
Foothills Health Unit
Foothills Foundation
General Government Committee
High River Centennial Library
High River Culture Board
High River District Ambulance Association
High River & District Recreation Board
High River Development Appeal Board
High River Municipal Planning Commission
High River Municipal Police Commission
Highwood Airport Commission
Highwood Memorial Centre Board
Museum of the Highwood

Other committees are temporary, such as The Transportation Stud for 2A Highway.

ADMINISTRATION

TOWN MANAGER: Colin J. Dean
SECRETARY TREASURER: John Crisp
GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE: Mayor Dougherty, Councillors Tanner and Summers

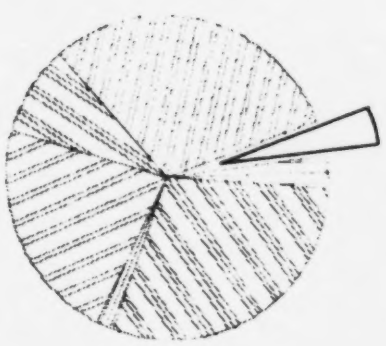
RESPONSIBILITIES:

Information to the public
Payments of taxes and utility bills
Payroll
Payables and Receivables
Accounting
Data Processing
Purchasing

Administration serves each of the other departments.

TOWN SOLICITOR: Robbins & Peters
TOWN AUDITOR: Hewson, Delanoy & Co.

Council & Administration



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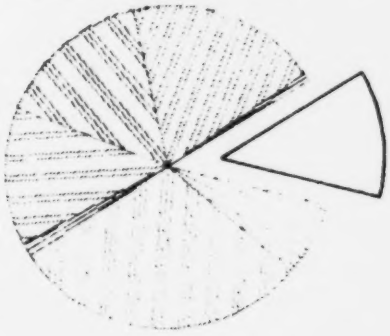

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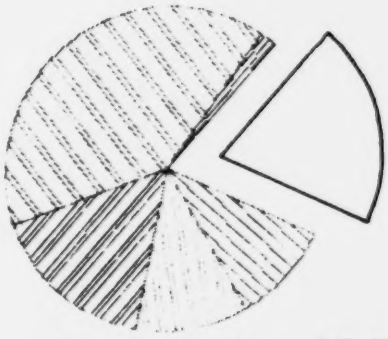


Net Cost to Taxes (20.5%

PROTECTION SERVICES

DISASTER SERVICES

DIRECTOR: Colin J. Dean
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Bob Gladish
TELEPHONE: 652-2307
DISASTER SERVICES ASSOCIATION: Mayor L. Dougherty

A Disaster Plan is in place and kept current by monthly meetings between fire, police, hospital, ambulance and other towns.

One mock Disaster involving a school bus accident was successfully carried out in 1984.

The High River Kinsmen generously donated the equipping of the new Disaster Unit, actually a not too old school bus kindly donated by the Foothills School Division. A big thank you indeed!

AMBULANCE SERVICES

DIRECTOR: George Porter
TELEPHONE: Hospital - 652-2321
Ambulance - 652-3111
HIGH RIVER & DISTRICT AMBULANCE BOARD: Councillor C. Laing

We share in a joint Ambulance Service with the M.D. Foothills and each of the seven municipalities in it.

Fully equipped ambulances staffed by paramedics and emergency technicians give us one of the best systems of any Alberta town.

POLICE

Sgt. Don Funk heads the 7 man High River R.C.M.P. detachment.
High River Police Commission: Councillor W. Richards

R.C.M.P. Telephone Number: 652-2356
Dialing this number at night automatically switches you to the Calgary switchboard who relay your request to one of the High River officers on duty around town. (The local High River office closes at 5:00 p.m.).

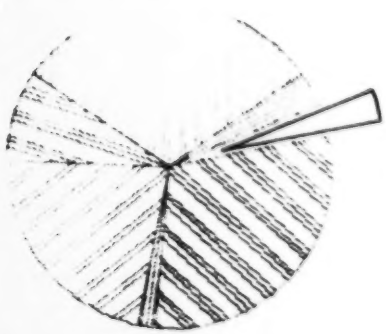
FIRE

Fire Chief Oliver Perry heads 25 volunteers, 3 firetrucks and a Rescue Unit.
Council Committee: Councillor G. Tanner

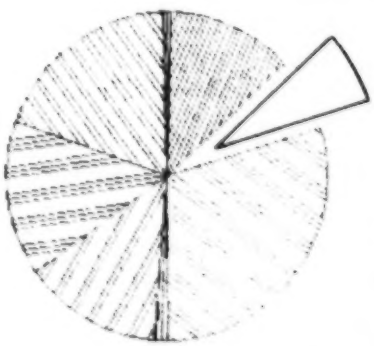
The Fire Department gives protection to the Town and surrounding rural community. They also assist other towns in emergencies. Equipment includes a set of JAWS for traffic accidents and a newly commissioned Disaster Unit.

Fire Department Telephone Number: 652-3774
Fire Alarm Telephone Number: 652-2321

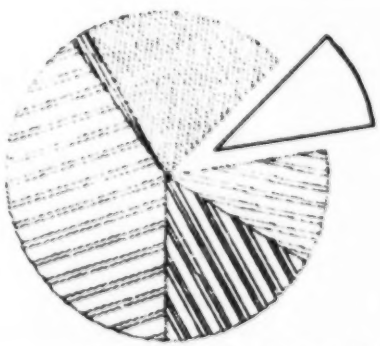
Protective Services



Revenue (3.1%)



Expenses (7.2%)



Net Cost to Taxes (8.8%)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Superintendent of Public Works: Peter Sawicki
Public Works Committee of Council: Councillor G. Tanner
Councillor F. Dyck

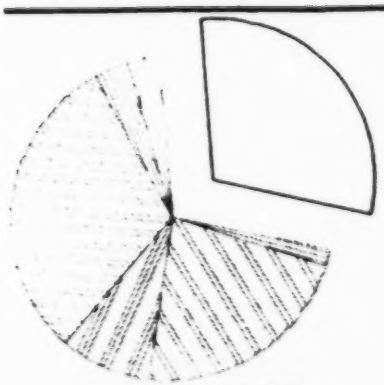
PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSIBILITIES

Streets - snow removal, cleaning, patching, lanes, crackfilling, painting, signs, tree trimming, lights, sidewalks, Christmas decorations
Water - Plant, valves and mains maintenance, installations, wells
Sewer - Lagoon, lift stations and mains maintenance
Garbage - Landfill site, collection, clean-up days
Cemetery - Graves, maintenance
Mosquito Control - spraying for mosquitos
Dogs - contracted out service, no animals are kept in the Town
Storm sewers - maintenance
Airport - maintenance, lights

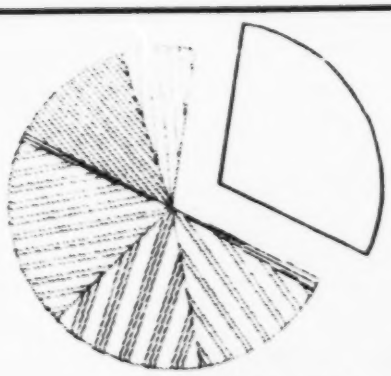
1984 SPECIAL PROJECTS

Cemetery headstone pads
Industrial Park - constructing lanes, earth berms: planting 70 trees
Canal Fence - both sides of the Canal next to Emerson Lake were fenced
Neighborhood East Phase 4 - constructing lanes, earth berms and planting of some trees (balance in 1985)
George Lane Memorial Park - constructing permanent campsites with firepits, roads, trees and shrubs and new washrooms
Sidewalk ramps

Public Works



Revenue (28.8%)



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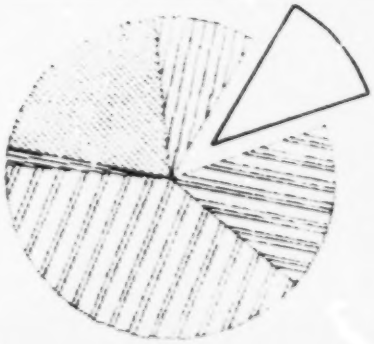


Net Cost to Taxes (11.3%)

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Director: Bob Gladish
Telephone: 652-2307

Provincial Funding is channelled to Community Groups to provide needed social services. The types of programs being considered or currently funded are:

- Home Helper
- Home Care
- Emergency Sitter
- Parental Relief
- Buckle-In-Bambino
- C.P.R. Training
- Teen Scene
- Meals on Wheels
- Time-Out
- Block Parents

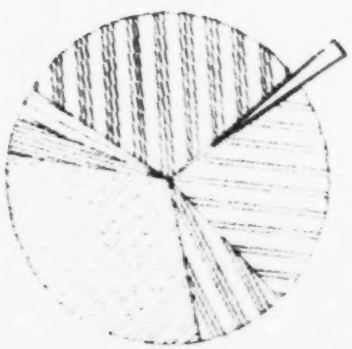
We are using the Town Office reception as an Information Centre for activities in the community. A Community Directory is also being prepared.

HIRE-A-STUDENT

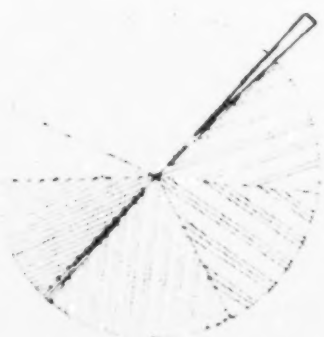
The Hire-A-Student Program runs May through to the Middle of August. It is a free referral service that aims to match potential employers with qualified students. Students register, people needing help notify the H.A.S. office and a referral is then made. The final decision of hiring is left to the employer.

After the H.A.S. office officially closes, the students and employers may contact the Town of High River for information and assistance. Applications will be accepted by the Town Office all year.

Social Services



Revenue (1.75%)



Expenses (1.3%)

No Net Cost to Taxes

PLANNING

Total of 103 Building Permits issued in 1984.

Value of Building Permits:		
	Residential	$1,882.617
	Commercial	578,557
	Institutional	260,881
	Industrial	498,373
	TOTAL	$3,220,428

Single Family Residences - 20
Multiple Family Residences - 11

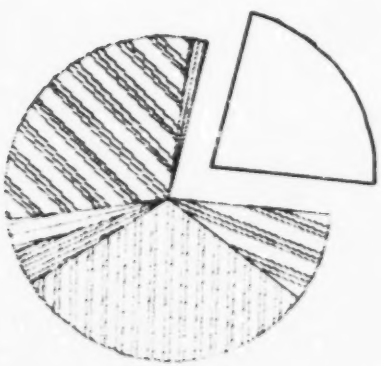
HIGHLIGHTS IN 1984

2 Major Lot Draws held in Neighborhood East Phase II --
12 Lots sold at $9,500
6 Lots sold at $16,000

Completion of SAAN Store and Fas Gas as well as approval and construction commencement of H.D.'s Cantina

Land Sales resulted in a net transfer to Reserves and other projects of $318,164

Development



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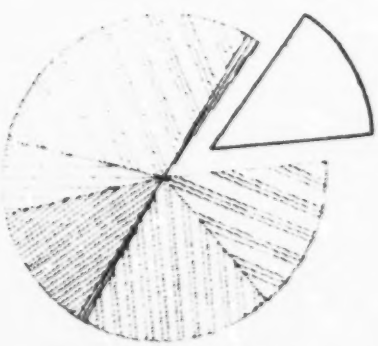


Expenses (13.8%)

No Net Cost to Taxes

RECREATION

Director: Jim Newman
Chairperson: Marie Poelman
Councillor: Frank Dyck
Telephone: 652-2307

RENOVATIONS:
The Recplex Pool had new drainage, filter and heating systems installed.
A new Camping Area and facilities were added to the George Lane Park and funded by the Province.

INNOVATIONS:
Programming - Summer Sunsations Day Camps, Spitzee Days, Balloon Days
Parks - The Slide, tarzan rope and new acquatic programs are great, the new Pool covers have saved heating costs
Arena - The Old Fashioned Family Christmas Party was fantastic

Recreation offers classes in fitness, skating, dance, gymnastics, and swimming. Our watchword is the best quality service for the least expenditures.

MUSEUM OF THE HIGHWOOD

Curator: Don King
Telephone: 652-7516/652-2307
Board Chairman: Stan Clute

The old Eamor's Saddlery store on 3rd Avenue was the first home of the Highwood Museum in 1961. On the rebuilding of Block 1, the Museum relocated in the Railway Station in 1971, finding room for its 8,000 artifacts and 10,000 photographs.
Our Museum is classified in the top 20 of the 109 Museums in Alberta. Its material contains an unbroken line of natural and cultural items from the earliest times, i.e. early fossils, to the days of flying in the Highwood Valley.
1984 celebrated the 50,000th visitor, a school class from Calgary who were presented with Lillian Knupp's recent history book of High River.

CULTURE CENTRE

Co-ordinator: Lesia Davis
Telephone: 652-4668 or 652-2307
Chairperson: Sheila Rowland

The newest cultural addition to the Town, and now housed in its own building, is the Culture Board. A potential home to people and children with cultural interest.
Pottery, photography, weaving, sketching, handicrafts are all part of the proposed uses of the new centre.

HIGH RIVER CENTENNIAL LIBRARY

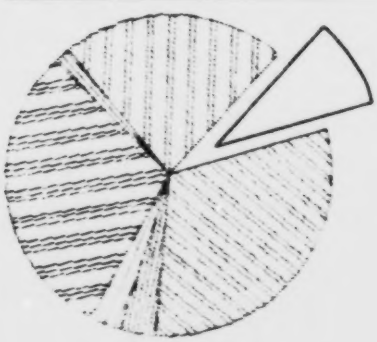
Chief Librarian: Mrs. Lucille C. Dougherty
Telephone: 652-2917

The longest established culture in Town, beginning in 1919, - a shelf on the Barbershop wall in the basement of the Lane Emerson Block. As the library grew, it moved to the Memorial Centre, until a new facility was constructed in 1981.
Today, the Library boasts books, videos, cassettes, arts and crafts classes, children's activities, art displays, a Sunday Concert series, and teleconferencing from SAIT and the University of Calgary. One third of High River's population are members, with a circulation of approximately 53,000 or about 10 books per capita.
The Marigold Regional Library system ensures a wide, current circulation of books and the accessability to libraries across the nation.

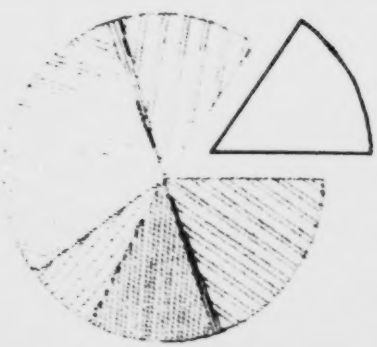
HIGHWOOD MEMORIAL CENTRE

Chairperson: Mary West
Manager: Bill Nelson
Telephone: 652-4404

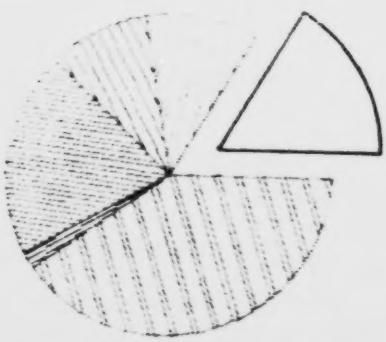
Our Community Centre dates from 1948 previously being the main hall at the #5 Elementary Flying Training School two miles north east of Town, during World War II.
The fully equipped stage is the pride of the Windmill Theatre. Several of the Service Clubs headquarter in the North Banquet rooms, while the basement houses a Dance School and a Rifle Range.
The auditorium is the biggest in Town, with up to 500 being able to enjoy a play or a banquet.



Revenue (8.0%)



Expenses (15.2%)



Net Cost to Taxes (18.5%)

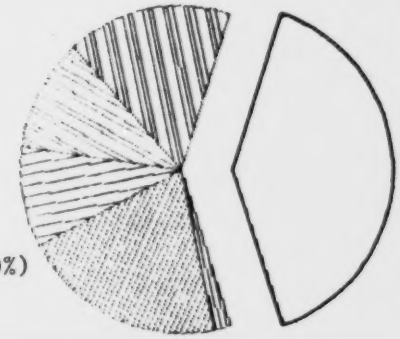
EDUCATION

School Superintendent: Mr. J. Finnman
School Division Office: 652-3001

Education is a significant part of our tax dollar, consisting of an amount paid by businesses only which is sent to Edmonton, and the supplementary School Requisition paid by everybody, that goes to the Foothills School Division.

In High River, the Senator Riley High School, Spitzee Elementary School and the Right Honorable Joe Clark Elementary School service the Town and surrounding district, with some students attending the new Composite High School in Okotoks.
Continuing Education and Teleconferencing are also available.

The Day Care, Nursery School and Kindergarten are run privately with no support from taxes.



Net Cost to Taxes (40.0%)
Education

FOOTHILLS FOUNDATION

Senior Citizen Housing

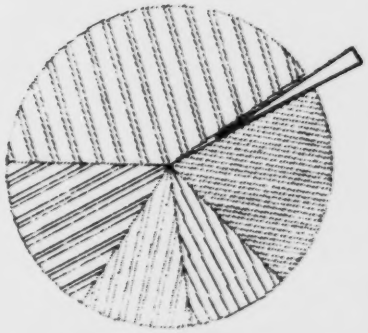
High River has two senior citizens' homes, both accommodating singles and couples.

Medicine Tree Manor: 57 units including a recently completed 15 unit addition on Macleod Trail.

Soderberg House: 20 new self-contained units, next to the Manor on Macleod Trail.

Spitzee House Apartments: 45 self-contained units, 5th Street and 4th Avenue West, overlooking the Highwood River.

The New High River Hospital also includes a Nursing Home with 50 nursing and 25 auxilary beds, 5th Streeet & 9th Avenue West.



Other Requisitions
Net Cost to Taxes (1.8%)

TOWN OF HIGH RIVER STATISTICS

Location: 41 kilometers (25 miles) south of Calgary at the junction of Highways 2 and 23, on the banks of the Highwood River.
Altitude: 1,037 metres (3,405 feet)
Temperature: Average summer is 16C (63F); Average winter is -14C (18F); Average wind is 30 kilometers (20 mph) from Southwest
Population: 1974 - 3,024
1975 - 3,356
1976 - 3,613
1977 - 3,890
1978 - 3,960
1979 - 4,018
1980 - 4,275
1981 - 4,632
1982 - 4,941
1983 - 5,049
1984 - 5,113

Trading Area: Population 18,000, raising wheat and other coarse grains, cattle sheep, hogs and dairy products.
Community Facilities: Weekly Newspaper (The High River Times); CHRB Radio (1280); Centennial Library; Highwood Memorial Centre; Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture; Museum of the Highwood; seven service clubs; four banks; credit union; two hotels; two motor hotels; recreation complex with two ice surfaces, curling rink, indoor pool, sundeck, baseball diamonds; tennis courts; theatre; parks and playgrounds; offices of the MD of Foothills #31; School Division #38 offices; and 150 businesses and services.

Trading Area Population 1982	-	18,000
Trading Area Population 1972	-	13,500
Trading Area Income 1981	-	$263,735,000
Trading Area Income 1971	-	$ 52,720,000
Retail Trade 1981	-	$27,535,000
Retail Trade 1971	-	$ 6,625,000
Manufacturing Value 1981	-	$16,635,000
Manufacturing Value 1971	-	$ 781,000

TOWN OF HIGH RIVER
MUNICIPALITY

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Mayor or Reeve and Council or:

THE TOWN OF HIGH RIVER

We have examined the Consolidated Balance Sheet of THE TOWN OF HIGH RIVER as at December 31, 1984 and the related statements of Combined Operating Revenues and Expenditures, Combined Capital Financing Acquired and Applied, Taxes Levied and Grants in Lieu, Consolidated Statement of Surplus (Deficit) and Consolidated Statement of Equity in Fixed Assets and the schedules supporting these statements for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the municipality as at December 31, 1984 and the results of its operations and changes in capital financing for the year then ended in accordance with the disclosed basis of accounting described in Note 1 (page 7) applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Dated at HIGH RIVER this 15th day of MARCH 1985

Signed Hewson, Delanoy & Co, Firm HEWSON, Delanoy & Co.

Address Box 1930, HIGH RIVER, ALBERTA Telephone: 264-2900

Postal Code T0L 1B0

SPECIAL REPORT
QUALIFICATIONS

TOWN OF HIGH RIVER
MUNICIPALITY

YEAR

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
As At December 31st, 1984

FS2

CONSOLIDATED ASSETS		PRECEDING YEAR 1983	CURRENT YEAR 1984
110 Cash on Hand	1	915	915
121 Cash in Chartered Banks	2	75,897	26
122 Cash in Near Banks and other Financial Institutions	3		
100 TOTAL CASH ON HAND AND ON DEPOSIT	4	76,812	941
210 Taxes and Grants in Lieu Receivable	5	260,051	193,563
2X0 Receivable from Other Governments	6	28,796	105,812
270 Trade Accounts Receivable	7	444,566	438,042
290 All Other Receivables	8	232,255	156,383
200 TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE (FR1 2A)	9	965,668	893,800
300 TOTAL INVESTMENTS LOANS AND ADVANCES (FR4 2)	10	4,508,934	5,531,956
477 Trust Accounts Administered (Total)	11	33,546	15,047
490 Other Assets (Specify Capital = $)	12		
400 TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	13	33,546	15,047
570 Land Held for Resale (FR3 1)	14	830,320	1,111,955
590 Other Inventories (Tangible Assets)	15	92,726	90,753
500 TOTAL INVENTORIES (TANGIBLE ASSETS) (FR3 2)	16	923,046	1,202,708
610 ENGINEERING STRUCTURES FIXED ASSETS (FR6 5)	17	13,906,985	15,024,203
620 BUILDING FIXED ASSETS (FR7 5)	18	7,405,193	7,450,890
630 MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT FIXED ASSETS (FR8 5)	19	173,371	319,313
640 LAND FOR OWN GOVERNMENT USES (FR9 5)	20	1,226,379	3,331,539
650 VEHICLES FIXED ASSETS (FR10 5)	21	304,970	156,885
600 TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	22	25,016,898	26,282,830
800 DEBT CHARGES RECOVERABLE	23		
900 NET ACCUMULATED DEFICITS (FS4 99 6)	24	49,636	22,778
TOTAL CONSOLIDATED ASSETS	25	31,574,540	33,950,060

CONSOLIDATED LIABILITIES		PRECEDING YEAR 1983	CURRENT YEAR 1984
100 TOTAL SHORT-TERM LOANS AND OVERDRAFTS	26		154,190
2X0 Payable to Other Governments	27		
270 Trade Accounts Payable	28	75,981	112,247
290 All Other Payables	29	510,885	495,314
200 TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (FR2 2)	30	586,866	607,561
310 Debenture, Bond and Mortgage Debts (FR11 5)	31	7,731,095	7,582,133
322 Long-Term Capital Borrowing and Capitalized Leases (FR12 5)	32		
323 Operations Long-Term Borrowing (FR13 5)	33		
300 TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT OBLIGATIONS	34	7,731,095	7,582,133
47X Meter Rentals and Any Deposit Liabilities (FR15 9)	35	32,550	30,300
477 Administered Trust Liabilities (Total) (FR14 6)	36	33,546	15,047
490 Other Liabilities (Specify Capital = $) (FR16 14)	37		
400 TOTAL OTHER LIABILITIES	38	66,096	45,347
6XX TOTAL ALLOWANCES FOR OPERATING FUNCTIONS (FR17 5)	39	74,172	82,719
68X TOTAL CAPITAL ASSET VALUATION ALLOWANCES (FR18 5)	40		
7XX TOTAL RESERVES FOR OPERATING FUNCTIONS (FR17 5)	41	4,665,457	4,359,361
78X TOTAL RESERVES FOR CAPITAL (FR18 5)	42	398,851	421,495
800 TOTAL EQUITY IN FIXED ASSETS (FS7 14)	43	18,052,001	20,697,254
800 NET ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (FS6 99 12)	44		
TOTAL CONSOLIDATED LIABILITIES	45	31,574,540	33,950,060

TOWN OF HIGH RIVER

MUNICIPALITY

COMBINED OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

By Function for the Year Ended December 31, 1984

FS3

FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS	OPERATING REVENUES (FRIS 15)	OPERATING EXPENDITURES (FRIS 25)	NET COST OF OPERATIONS (FRIS 40)	NET GAIN FROM OPERATIONS (FRIS 37)
11 Council and Other Legislative		47,935	47,935	
12 General Administration and Other	179,054	729,279	550,225	
21 Police Department and Services Used	67,837	261,051	193,214	
23 Fire Fighting and Preventive Service	17,216	87,043	69,827	
24 Disaster Service and Emergency Measures	864	18,460	17,596	
25 Ambulance Services and First Aid	59,713	59,414		299
26 By Laws Enforcement and Other	7,836	14,572	6,736	
31 Common Services and or Equipment Pool	7,269	83,279	76,010	
32 Roads Streets Walks Lighting	78,230	529,282	451,052	
33 Airport Services	6,153	7,193	1,040	
34 Public Transit Systems				
37 Storm Sewers and Drainage				
41 Water Supply and Distribution System	527,205	521,342		5,863
42 Sanitary Sewage Service and Treatment	694,618	495,687		198,931
43 Garbage Collection & Disposal	140,007	141,699	1,692	
51 Family and Community Support Services	82,281	80,511		1,770
52 Day Care				
53 Other Public Health				
56 Cemeteries and Crematoriums	22,328	27,116	4,788	
61 Municipal Planning Zoning & Development	53,267	115,011	61,747	
62 Community and or Agricultural Services	24,898	29,825	4,927	
66 Subdivision Land and Developments	1,020,745	702,581		318,164
67 Public Housing Operations				
69 Land Housing Building Rentals and Other				
71 Recreation Board and Other Services		963	963	
72 Recreation Parks Facilities and Programs	154,533	667,673	513,140	
74 Culture Community Hall Library Museum etc	92,220	258,534	166,314	
75 Convention Centre				
91 Gas Production and Distribution				
92 Electrical Production and Distribution				
93 Telephone Systems				
97 Operating Contingencies Reserve				
TOTAL FUNCTIONALIZED OPERATIONS	3,436,271	4,878,450	1,967,206	525,027
GENERAL MUNICIPAL REVENUES				
100 200 Net Taxes for General Purposes (FS2)	1,125,185			1,125,185
510 Penalties and Costs on Taxes	49,920			49,920
540 Revenues from Franchises & Concession Contracts	48,297			48,297
550 Returns on Investments—Interest Dividends etc	67,713			67,713
590 Other Revenues from Own Sources	23,658			23,658
730 Federal Govt & Agencies Unconditional Grants				
740 Provincial Govt & Agencies Unconditional Grants	159,138			159,138
750 Local Governments Unconditional Grants				
990 Other	42,507			42,507
TOTAL GENERAL MUNICIPAL REVENUES	1,516,418			1,516,418
TOTAL MUNICIPAL OPERATING FUNCTIONS	4,952,689	4,878,450	1,967,206	2,041,445
NET SURPLUS OR DEFICIT FOR YEAR				74,239
96 County School Functions				
GRAND TOTAL OPERATING FUNCTIONS SURPLUS/ DEFICIT	4,952,689	4,878,450		74,239

TOWN OF HIGH RIVER

MUNICIPALITY

COMBINED CAPITAL FINANCING ACQUIRED AND APPLIED

By Function for the Year Ended December 31, 1984

FS 4

FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS	1 FUNDED CAPITAL AVAILABLE *	2 OVEREXPENDITURE AT YEAR END	3 CAPITAL FUNDS APPLIED **	4 UNEXPENDED FUNDS AT YEAR END
11 Council and Other Legislative				
12 General Administration and Other	102,660		102,660	
21 Police Department and Services Used				
23 Fire Fighting and Preventive Service				
24 Disaster Service and Emergency Measures	4,530		4,530	
25 Ambulance Services and First Aid				
26 By Laws Enforcement and Other				
31 Common Services and or Equipment Pool	333,090		333,090	
32 Roads Streets Walks Lighting	813,166	13,100	821,771	4,495
33 Airport Services	7,974		7,974	
34 Public Transit Systems				
37 Storm Sewers and Drainage				
41 Water Supply and Distribution System	116,880		116,880	
42 Sanitary Sewage Service and Treatment	1,675,645		367,016	1,308,629
43 Garbage Collection & Disposal				
51 Family and Community Support Services				
52 Day Care				
53 Other Public Health				
56 Cemeteries and Crematoriums	5,104		5,104	
61 Municipal Planning Zoning & Development				
62 Community and or Agricultural Services				
66 Subdivision Land and Developments	656,208	315,362	913,226	58,344
67 Public Housing Operations				
69 Land Housing Building Rentals and Other				
71 Recreation Board and Other Services				
72 Recreation Parks Facilities and Programs	312,728		312,728	
74 Culture Community Hall Library Museum etc	26,378	171,173	184,782	12,769
75 Convention Centre				
91 Gas Production and Distribution				
92 Electrical Production and Distribution				
93 Telephone Systems				
97 General Capital Reserves				
TOTAL MUNICIPAL CAPITAL FUNCTIONS	4,054,363	499,635	3,169,761	1,384,237
96 County School Functions				
GRAND TOTAL CAPITAL FUNCTIONS	4,054,363	(1) 499,635	3,169,761	(2) 1,384,237

(1) Amount to be entered for deletion from equity as Overexpenditures in the 'Consolidated Statement of Equity' on page 7

(2) Amount to be entered for addition to equity as Unexpended Balances in the 'Consolidated Statement of Equity' on page 7

* Includes prior year's Unexpended Funds

** Includes prior year's Overexpenditure

TOWN OF HIGH RIVER

MUNICIPALITY

TAXES LEVIED AND GRANTS IN LIEU

For Preceding Year and Current Year Ended December 31, 1984

FS5

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS			1 PRECEDING YEAR AMOUNT	2 CURRENT YEAR AMOUNT
LEVIES FOR REVENUE:				
111 Residential Taxes		27	1,267,973	1,452,464
112 Commercial Taxes		28	536,608	513,415
113 Industrial Taxes		29	221,842	288,738
114 Farmland Taxes		40	398	3,566
110 SUB-TOTAL FOR REAL PROPERTY TAXES		1	2,028,821	2,258,183
120 Special Assessments and Local Improvements	(FS5, 32)	2	27,613	22,786
130 Mobile Home License Fees Collected		3	26,174	26,990
170 Business Taxes		4		
190 Power, Pipe, Cable T.V. and Other Taxes		5	29,651	43,345
230 Federal Grants in Lieu of Taxes		6	6,443	7,030
240 Provincial Grants in Lieu of Taxes		7	67,210	72,753
250 Other Local Government Grants in Lieu		8		
270 Other Grants in Lieu of Taxes		9		
100/200 TOTAL TAXES AND GRANTS IN LIEU		10	2,185,912	2,431,087
EXPENDED BY TRANSFERS:				
74X Provincial Planning Fund Requisition		11	19,680	21,042
74X School Foundation Program Requisition(s) Total		12	175,725	176,152
SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOL REQUISITIONS				
75X Foothills School Division	S D No 38	13	911,343	988,915
75X	S D No	14		
75X	S D No	15		
75X	S D No	16		
75X	S D No	17		
75X	S D No	18		
75X	S D No	19		
75X	S D No	20		
OTHER REQUISITIONS				
75X High River District Hospital Board	H D No	21	15,454	
75X	H D No	22		
75X	H D No	23		
75X Nursing Home		24		
75X Auxiliary Hospital		25		
75X Foothills Foundation	Seniors Foundation	26	35,439	29,973
75X	Seniors Foundation	27		
75X	Seniors Foundation	28		
75X	Seniors Foundation	29		
740/750 SUB-TOTAL FOR REQUISITION TRANSFERS		30	1,157,641	1,216,082
BALANCE OF LEVIES FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES		31	1,028,271	1,215,005
ALLOCATED AS SPECIAL MUNICIPAL LEVIES				
120 Special Assessments and Local Improvements	(FR10-1, FR30-2)	32	27,613	22,786
1XX/2XX Special Levies for Operations	(FR10-1)	33	66,235	67,034
1XX/2XX Levies for Capital Projects and Special Reserves	(FR30-7)	34		
100/200 SUB-TOTAL SPECIAL MUNICIPAL LEVIES		35	93,848	89,820
100/200 NET TAXES FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (1)	(FS3-43)	36	934,423	1,125,185

(1) The 'Net Taxes for General Municipal Purposes' must be the same as the amount on page 3.

DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF SPECIAL MUNICIPAL LEVIES

FS5A

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS (LINE 32)		SPECIAL LEVIES FOR OPERATIONS (LINE 33)		LEVIES FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS AND SPECIAL RESERVES (LINE 34)	
FUNCTION	AMOUNT	FUNCTION	AMOUNT	FUNCTION	AMOUNT
32 - Streets	18,074	25 - Ambulance	59,713		
41 - Water	3,287	74 - Culture	7,321		
42 - Sewer	1,425				
	22,786		67,034		

TOWN OF HIGH RIVER
MUNICIPALITY

FS7

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EQUITY IN FIXED ASSETS TO DECEMBER 31, 1984

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS		DELETE FROM EQUITY	ADD TO EQUITY	BALANCE OF EQUITY
PRECEDING YEAR BALANCE OF EQUITY	1	384,661	448,783	18,052,001
CHANGES DURING THE YEAR				
310 Debentures, Bonds and Mortgages (FR11 53)	2		148,962	
320 Long-Term Debt and Capitalized Leases (FR12 53)	3			
490 Other Assets and or Liabilities (1) (Note 2)	4	59,378	141,013	
810 Engineering Structures Fixed Assets (FR6 53)	5	86,898	1,204,116	
820 Buildings Fixed Assets (FR7 53)	6		45,647	
830 Machinery, Equipment, Fixed Assets (FR8 53)	7	3,575	149,517	
840 Land for Own Government Uses (FR9 53)	8		105,160	
850 Vehicles Fixed Assets (FR10 53)	9	163,890	15,805	
86X Fixed Assets Valuation Allowances (or Depreciation)	10			
XXX Overexpenditures at Year End (FS4 53)	11	499,635		
XXX Unexpended Balance for Capital Projects (FS4 53)	12		1,384,237	
TOTAL CHANGES TO EQUITY THIS YEAR	13	1,198,037	3,843,290	
890 CLOSING BALANCE OF EQUITY IN FIXED ASSETS (FS2 2 53)	14			20,697,254

Line 1, Co 1 - Prior year unexpended funds (PRIOR YR FS4 4 53)
Line 1, Col 2 - Prior year overexpenditures (PRIOR YR FS4 2 53)

(1) Any entry on Line 4, Column 1 or 2, must be fully explained in the notes to the financial statements on Page 7

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*(Include relevant notes for accounting policies, procedures and principles; for any material adjustments or changes in financial position; and for any contingent liabilities or major new projects.)

*NOTE 1

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Town of High River follows accounting principles generally accepted for municipalities which includes:

a) Fixed assets are recorded at cost except for assets revalued at December 31, 1981 which are valued at their replacement cost on that date
b) Depreciation is not taken on fixed assets
c) Investments are recorded at cost
d) Revenues and expenditures are recorded on a full accrual basis
e) The Town does not capitalize leases for assets

* NOTE 2.

EQUITY IN FIXED ASSETS - OTHER ASSETS/LIABILITIES

The other assets and/or liabilities changes are comprised of:

Land purchased for resale	$ 141,013
Cost of lots sold	$ 59,378

* NOTE 3.

PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENTS TO OPERATING SURPLUS

Function 41 - Water Supply and Distribution System		
Special debenture levy for 1983 from Function 98	Surplus	$ 56,450
Function 98 - All Other Operations		
Special debenture levy for 1983 to Function 41	Deficit	$ 56,450
HCR grant received in 1983 should have been recorded as Capital Finances	Deficit	$ 52,600
		$109,050
Loan advanced to Foothills Regional Waste Management Authority had been recorded as an expenditure	Surplus	$ 5,000
Miscellaneous other adjustments	Surplus	$ 219
		$ 5,219

Continued ... 2

* NOTE 4.

LEASES

The Town of High River is committed to a number of leases for vehicles, machinery and equipment. The lease payments on these leases in 1985 will amount to $113,680.00. These leases have not been capitalized on the books of the Town.

In addition, the Town leases automobiles on behalf of certain employees. The lease payments are recovered by the Town from these employees through monthly payroll deductions.

* NOTE 5.

COMMITTMENTS

The Town of High River, pursuant to an agreement with the Alberta Housing Corporation dated February 2, 1981, is committed to the purchase of 186.02 acres of land to be used for future residential subdivisions. The purchase price to the Town is equal to the original cost of the land to Alberta Housing Corporation of $3,441,370 plus interest at the rate of 13.76 %. All the land must be purchased by February 15, 1996. To date, the Town has purchased 23 acres at a cost of $626,698.

* NOTE 6.

LITIGATION

The Town is still involved in legal action to recover the $57,000 cost of repairing the Library roof.

Transportation Study - In 1983 a contract was signed between the Town of High River and the Alberta Department of Transportation to complete a Highway 2A Functional Study. The study is to cover the 2A Highway from the Rodeo Grounds on the north, to the overpass on the #2 Highway on the south, and includes a 2A re-alignment which follows Centre Street (east railway street) to 12th Avenue.

The original parameters for the study were:

(a) a Four Lane Arterial Divided Highway; and
(b) a Four Lane Arterial Undivided Highway

other aspects to be dealt with are land acquisitions required, access, and storm water control.

The study should be completed sometime in 1985 and implementation (land acquisition, if required; engineering studies and construction completed) in the next 5 - 15 years.

Streets Programs (The Town is finally paved!)-	$ 670,000
Disaster Emergency Vehicle (Housed at the Firehall)-	7,050
Street Lights on 12th Avenue -	2,400
Industrial Park - lanes and trees -	38,700
Canal Fence (Province donated fencing, we installed)-	10,230
Neighborhood East - Phase IV lanes and trees -	43,000
Swimming Pool Renovations -	190,000

FUTURE PROJECTS - 1985

1. **Sewage Treatment Plant**

The present municipal Sewage Treatment Plan was temporarily upgraded in 1973/74 for approximately $200,000. It was anticipated that with continued Town growth the Town's facilities would need a major upgrading program in the foreseeable future. The last two years have resulted in pressures being placed upon the present facility to cope with its current demands and the Town is now in the situation of reviewing possible methods of changing our Sewage Treatment facility.

Cost Figures: Aerated Lagoon

Design Population	-	7,500
Total Estimated Cost	-	$3,521,500
Town's Share	-	$1,760,750
Less Current Reserves	-	$ 323,316

2. **Airport Water Supply**
3. **RCMP Building floor - tile and re-carpet**

POSSIBLE 1985 PROJECTS:

- Communication system for Fire Department - $26,000
- Water main replacement on 2nd Avenue S.E. - $52,000

A NORMAL DAY AT CITY HALL

We open up somewhere around eight,
Provided, that is, that we're not late.
We settle down to do some work,
When the door suddenly opens with a jerk.

A man walks in with a bill in his hand;
The taxes are too high on his piece of land.
They didn't read his meter, 'cause his bill is too high.
Trouble is ... he hadn't paid since last July.

The telephone rings, it's a lady on the line:
"I'm calling about this bill of mine.
This 10 percent penalty I shouldn't have to pay,
Cause I didn't get my bill till yesterday."

"There's a dead dog on the north side of town,
And the street crew just can't be found.
It's been here for a day or two,
I called before but couldn't get through."

"I called to report there is a street light out,
Down on the corner, right next to my house.
Please put in a bulb so I can have light,
Sure hope you do it before tonight."

"I need some gravel down on my street;
It's so bad two cars can hardly meet.
The holes are deep, the dust is bad,
When trying to get through, do I get mad."

"I got this ticket about an hour ago,
Just why I got it, I don't know.
The meter is out, the best I can see;
The knuckle-headed police are 'picking on me."

Porter Wilson
City Clerk
Jamestown, Tennessee
Tennessee Town & City